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OBTAINING RELIABLE ANCHORING  
OF A THREADED IMPLANT IN BONE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination and filing fee calculation, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS (Amended sheets):**

Please amend the following claims:

- ✓ Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2";
- ✓ Claim 7, lines 1-2, delete "or any of claims 5-6";
- ✓ Claim 8, lines 1-2, delete "or any of claims 5-7";
- ✓ Claim 9, lines 1-2, delete "or any of claims 5-8";
- ✓ Claim 12, line 1, delete "or 11".

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application. By the foregoing amendment, claims 3, 7-9 and 12 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and thus reduce the filing fee.